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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: EAIR, IN  
SUBJECT: CIVAIR: NAVIGATION CHARGES

REF: NEW DELHI 6566, STATE 099876

1. ECON COUNSELOR AND EMBOFF MET WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION SARKAR ON JUNE 14 TO DISCUSS QUESTION  
OF INDIAN NAVIGATION CHARGES. HE SAID THAT SUCH CHARGES SHOULD  
REFLECT TRUE COSTS, INCLUDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIP-  
MENT, NEW SPECIALIZED AIRCRAFT, AND INCREASING SALARIES OF  
TRAINED PERSONNEL (E.G. AIR CONTROLLERS). HE RECOGNIZED,  
ON THE OTHER HAND, THAT AIRLINES SHOULD NOT BE BURDENED WITH  
EXCESSIVE USER CHARGES IF THEY WERE TO OPERATE EFFECTIVELY.  
AS A RESULT, HE HOPED TO BE REASONABLE AND STEER A MIDDLE  
COURSE.

2. REGARDING AIRPORT USER CHARGES, SARKAR SAID THAT BOTH THE  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE INDIAN AIRPORT AUTHORITY WERE  
PRESSING FOR SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER INCREASES. HE THOUGHT  
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IT WAS IMPORTANT TO PUT INTO EFFECT HIGHER AIRPORT CHARGES,  
BUT THAT ANY INCREASE DECIDED LATER THIS YEAR SHOULD BE  
MODERATE (IN HIS VIEW), CERTAINLY LESS THAN 100 PERCENT.  
THEREAFTER, CHARGES SHOULD RISE ANNUALLY TO REFLECT  
INFLATION AND OTHER COSTS. AS FOR ENROUTE CHARGES, SARKAR  
THOUGHT THESE WERE LESS URGENT BUT THAT EVENTUALLY ANNUAL  
INCREASES OF 10-15 PERCENT WOULD BE REASONABLE TO TAKE

ACCOUNT OF INFLATION. HE MENTIONED THE EXAMPLE OF AUSTRALIA INCREASING SUCH CHARGES BY 15 PERCENT PER YEAR.

3. SARKAR SAID THAT THE GOI WAS PREPARING FOR A JULY 10 MEETING IN DELHI. GOI HAD ALREADY GIVE IATA ITS PROPOSALS AS WELL AS COST FIGURES JUSTIFYING THE NEED FOR INCREASES IN NAVIGATION CHARGES AND WAS AWAITING PAPERS FROM THE OTHER SIDE. HE STATED THERE WOULD BE AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS, BUT NO DECISIONS, AT NEXT MONTH'S MEETING. HE HOPED THAT AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH IATA SOME DECISIONS ON INCREASED NAVIGATION CHARGES COULD BE REACHED BY THIS SEPTEMBER SO THAT THE GOI COULD PUT THEM INTO EFFECT IN FEBRUARY 1978.

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